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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2456
AMCONSUL HONG KONG PRIORITY
MSGBN WASHDC
INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY SUVA
AMCONSUL SYDNEY

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO, A/SY/FO/MSG AND NSU; HONG KONG FOR RSS,
RTC AND RMO; MSGBN FOR CO; MANILA FOR RCO; SUVA AND SYDNEY
FOR ADMIN FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: CONSEC REQUIREMENTS FOR NOB SYDNEY AND NOB SUVA

1. HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT SYDNEY CONSTRUCTION OF CRU VAULT
WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 1, THEREFORE WILL REQUIRE ONE SEABEE AND
TWO MARINES FOR THIS PROJECT WHICH WILL RUN APPROXIMATELY
FIVE WEEKS. WITH THE SUVA PROJECT TO FOLLOW SHORTLY AFTER
THE COMPLETION OF THE SYDNEY PROJECT, RSO FEELS WE HAVE THE
FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

A. ASSIGN TDY SEABEE FROM NSU TO COVER BOTH PROJECTS.
ASSIGN TWO MARINES FROM BN OR OTHER DETACHEMENTS TO COVER BOTH
PROJECTS.

B. NOT WITHSTANDING PRIOR REGIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR TSO
CANBERRA, ASSIGN CANBERRA'S SEABEE ALONG WITH TWO OF
CANBERRA'S MARINES TO SYDNEY PROJECT. THEN WHEN
SUVA PROJECT IS READY ASSIGN TDY SEABEE FROM NSU

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AND TDY MARINES. IT IS EXPECTED SUVA PROJECT WILL
RUN APPROXIMATELY FIVE WEEKS.

2. WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID USING CANBERRA'S SEABEE
BECAUSE OF WORK COMMITMENTS IN PORT MORESBY AND
WELLINGTON. HOWEVER, RSO UNDERSTANDS WORLDWIDE
SEABEE PROGRAM COMMITMENTS AND THEREFORE WOULD

BE WILLING TO ACCEPT OPTION B. THIS WOULD LEAVE
TSO CANBERRA WITHOUT A SEABEE FOR THE DURATION OF
THE SYDNEY PROJECT. IN SAME VEIN, CANBERRA COULD
AFFORD TO TAKE TWO MARINES FROM CANBERRA DETACHMENT
FOR SYDNEY PROJECT. WE WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS BY
CLOSING POST 2 WHICH IS AN AFTER HOURS ROVING PATROL
AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

3. REQUEST DEPT ASSIGN TDY PERSONNEL FOR SYDNEY
PROJECT PROVIDING TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND PER DIEM
FOR MARIENES. IF TDY PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED FROM OUT
OF CANBERRA REGION REQUEST DEPT ADVISE US OF THIER
NAMES AND ETA.

4. FOR SYDNEY: RQUEST YOU OBTAIN LODGING FOR TDY
PERSONNEL FOR STATED PERIOD. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT
RECOMMENDED SEABEE AND MARINES BE COLOCATED. IF
POST COULD OBTAIN TWO APARTMENTS WITH COOKING
FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE OPTIMUM SITUATION.

5. FOR SUVA: YOU SHOULD ALSO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY
OF OBTAINING ACCOMMODATIONS OF TDY PERSONNEL FOR
DURATION OF PROJECT.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT, SYDNEY AND SUVA ADVISE ALL
ADDRESSEES OF ACTION AKEN CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT OF
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MARINES AND SEABEE AND ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE PROVIDED.
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